



DAY OF THE FILIPINO SEAFARER 2021

GUIDELINES FOR THE SEARCH FOR THE TEN (10) EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA AWARDEES

INTRODUCTION

In line with the celebration of the Day of the Filipino Seafarer on 25 June 2021 with theme **#FairFuture4Seafarers**, the Maritime Industry Authority is launching the online search for **ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees** (Domestic/International).

PURPOSE AND CRITERIA

The purpose of the Award is to provide recognition to those who, at the risk of losing their own life, performed acts of exceptional bravery, displaying outstanding courage in attempting to save life at sea or in attempting to prevent or mitigate damage to the marine environment. Such acts of bravery may also involve extraordinary seamanship skills in very difficult conditions or any other display of outstanding courage. Except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the nominated rescues should occur at sea or those rescued should emanate from a vessel. The award may also be granted posthumously.

The following criteria for the nominated awardee are:

- a. Must be an active seafarer at the time of the incident. Potential awardees may not necessarily be an active commercial seafarer but at the time of the action is an active seafarer and may be now engaged in the maritime industry: *from the academe, training or assessment centers, manning/shipping/crewing companies, non-governmental organizations, maritime associations and even in Civil Service.*
- b. The exceptional bravery has been proven to have saved life/lives and/or prevented damage to his/her vessel, cargo/property or the marine environment.
- c. Only events that occurred from August 2020 to June 2021 shall be considered in the nomination.
- d. Endoser/s must be able to provide documentations to prove that the exceptional bravery was indeed performed in the course of his/her duty.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Award may be made by Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipping Companies, Intergovernmental Organizations and/or Non-governmental Maritime

Organizations or any other legitimate endorsers and the like via stcw_asd@mail.marina.gov.ph, (with **Subject: Nomination for Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardee 2021**), using the attached Nomination Form together with the Description of Events/Circumstances, not later than **12NN, 13 August 2021**.

It should provide a full description of the circumstances and events giving rise to the nomination. They should, as appropriate, include such factors as: .1 location of the incident; .2 prevailing weather conditions; .3 skill displayed; .4 leadership demonstrated; .5 determination to conduct the rescue operation; .6 exceptional courage demonstrated; .7 degree of risk (to human lives and/or the marine environment) involved; as well as .8 any other information supporting the nomination.

It should be noted that the nomination received after the deadline has expired will not be eligible for consideration.

FORM OF THE AWARD

The award will take the form of medal or plaque, which will be accompanied by a certificate citing the act of exceptional bravery performed.

ASSESSMENT PANEL

The Assessment Panel shall be composed of the Overall Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Head of the different MARINA Committees of the Day of the Seafarer 2021. Their function will be to review the nominations for the Award, taking into account the Award's Purpose and criteria vis-à-vis the description of the factual circumstances giving rise to the nomination and the related supporting documentation. The Panel will submit to a Panel of Judges a shortlist ranking the nominees in order of preference, along with the rationale for their recommendation.

PANEL OF JUDGES

A panel of judges composed of the MARINA Administrator, STCWO Executive Director, the STCWO Deputy Executive Director or their Officers-In-Charge, the Director of the MARINA Maritime Safety Service and the Over-all Chairman of the MARINA Committee for the Maritime Week Celebration 2021.

No award will be made in the event that the Panel of Judges decides that the acts performed by the shortlisted nominees do not merit the Award. The Administrator will be invited to endorse the outcome of the Panel of Judges.

AWARD CEREMONY

The MARINA Administrator will present the Award for "Exceptional Bravery at Sea" during the 2021 National Maritime Week Celebration.

TIMETABLE

Every effort should be made to ensure along the following lines, leading to the Award Ceremony, be observed:

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Launching of the Search for Ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees	25 June 2021
Deadline for recipient nomination	13 August 2021
Review by Assessment Panel	16 – 20 August 2021
Consideration by the Panel of Judges	23 – 27 August 2021
Endorsement of the Administrator of the Winner	1 September 2021
Notification of recipient and press release	10 September 2021
Award Ceremony – Celebration of the National Maritime Week	